

Application of Blackstone Gas Company, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, App., §§ 2-1 through 2-10, and 220 C.M.R. §§ 7.00 et seq., for approval of its proposed operating budget and monthly surcharge for the Residential Energy Conservation Service Program for the period of January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006.

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND PARTICIPATION

Blackstone Gas Company ("Petitioner") requests approval from the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") of its operating budget and applicable monthly surcharge for its Residential Energy Conservation Service ("RCS") Program for the period of January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006. The calculations, data, and reasons supporting this request will be available for public inspection at the Department.

The Department invites public comment on this matter. Any person who desires to file written comments or request a public hearing in this matter shall submit an original and three (3) copies of such written comments with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) Friday, November 25, 2005. A petition to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03 and shall include a request for a hearing if a hearing is desired. Receipt by the Department -- not mailing -- constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A late-filed petition may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver under 220 C.M.R. § 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

All written comments should also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us and jody.stiefel@state.ma.us, or (2) on a 3.5" disk. The text of the e-mail or the disk label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding, (D.T.E. 05-80), (2) name of the person or company submitting the filing, and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be created in either Corel WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, or as an Adobe-compatible PDF file. Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. All comments submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's Web site: <http://www.mass.gov/dte/>.



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
DEPARTMENT OF
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

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ORDER OF NOTICE

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Blackstone Gas Company shall give notice of this request for public comment and participation by publication hereof once at least seven (7) days prior to the close of the comment period in the Woonsocket Call. The Petitioner is also required to mail a copy of this notice at least seven (7) days prior to the end of the comment period to any person who has intervened in the prior two annual RCS filings.

The Petitioner is also required to make return of service and proof of publication at the time of the close of the comment period.

By Order of the Department,

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary